



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

"Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage." Saint John XXIII

Mrs. Lori Hodder
Principal

www.sskschool.org
732-254-5819

"We can do hard things."

February 8, 2024

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

It was so nice watching our PreK, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders celebrate the 100 Day of School! They were all dressed to impress and enjoyed fun activities in their classrooms. We will continue with MAP testing until February 22. Please make sure that your child(ren) are well-rested and have a good breakfast on testing days. Students must be on time, and will not be admitted once the test has begun. Some important dates to remember include:

- Feb. 10 – MOVIE NIGHT!!! Doors open at 6:30 PM/movie starts at 7:00 PM
- Feb. 13 – Fat Tuesday/Donuts courtesy of HSA
- Feb 14 – Ash Wednesday 9:00 AM Mass/Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 – Valentine's Dress Down Day \$3.00
- Feb. 16 – Fish Fry
- **Feb. 16-19 – SCHOOL CLOSED/President's Weekend**

The re-registration fees for the 2024-2025 school year will be taken out via FACTS on **February 29**. If you do not plan on returning to St. Stan's School, you must notify the office by **February 15** and schedule an exit interview.

Finally, next week we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. In the words of Pope Francis,

*"Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community, and every believer.
Above all, is a time of grace."*

Please continue to pray for Father Ken and his speedy recovery. You are all always in my prayers.

Warmest Regards,

Lori Hodder

Principal



7th Grade
Valentine's Day
Cotton Candy
Sale

TUB OF
COTTON CANDY
\$6 EA. OR
2/\$10

DELIVERED IN SCHOOL

2/14

*ORDER BY 2/9
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
7TH GR. FUNDRAISING

EXACT CASH WITH STUDENTS NAME AND CLASS (LABELED: COTTON CANDY) ATTN: SAMANTHA GIRARD
OR VENMO WITH INFO TO: SAMANTHA-GIRARD-2

ST. STAN'S HSA
PRESENTS
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM
MOVIE STARTS AT 7PM

SNACKS
FOR SALE
CASH ONLY

SEND IN ADVANCE PAYMENTS
ATTN: BRITTANEY DELGADO
(CASH OR CHECK)
or
PAY AT THE DOOR



ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS ST. STAN'S HSA
THIS EVENT IS MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF THE HOLOVACKO FAMILY

SNACK LIST

*CASH ONLY

- PopCorn... \$4
- Hot Dog... \$3
- Nachos... \$5
- PIZZA Slice... \$3
- Churro... \$3
- Skittles... \$2
- Choc. Covered Marshmallows... \$3
- Hershey "WORKA" BARS... \$2

***DEAL: Pizza or Hot Dog w/ Drink and Chips... \$5**

- Can of Soda... \$2
- Bottled Water... \$2
- Coffee/Tea... \$1
- Hot Chocolate... \$1

\$5 MYSTERY BRICK

*There are 8
Golden Ticket
passes for a free dress down



SPECIAL TREAT FOR EACH
STUDENT WHO HAS A
FAMILY MEMBER ATTEND!

HSA Meeting

Monday, 2/12

6:30pm

School Cafeteria

Agenda:

- Remaining work bond shifts
- Field day
- Carnival
- Looking ahead 2024-2025
- Boiler Update - Finance Committee



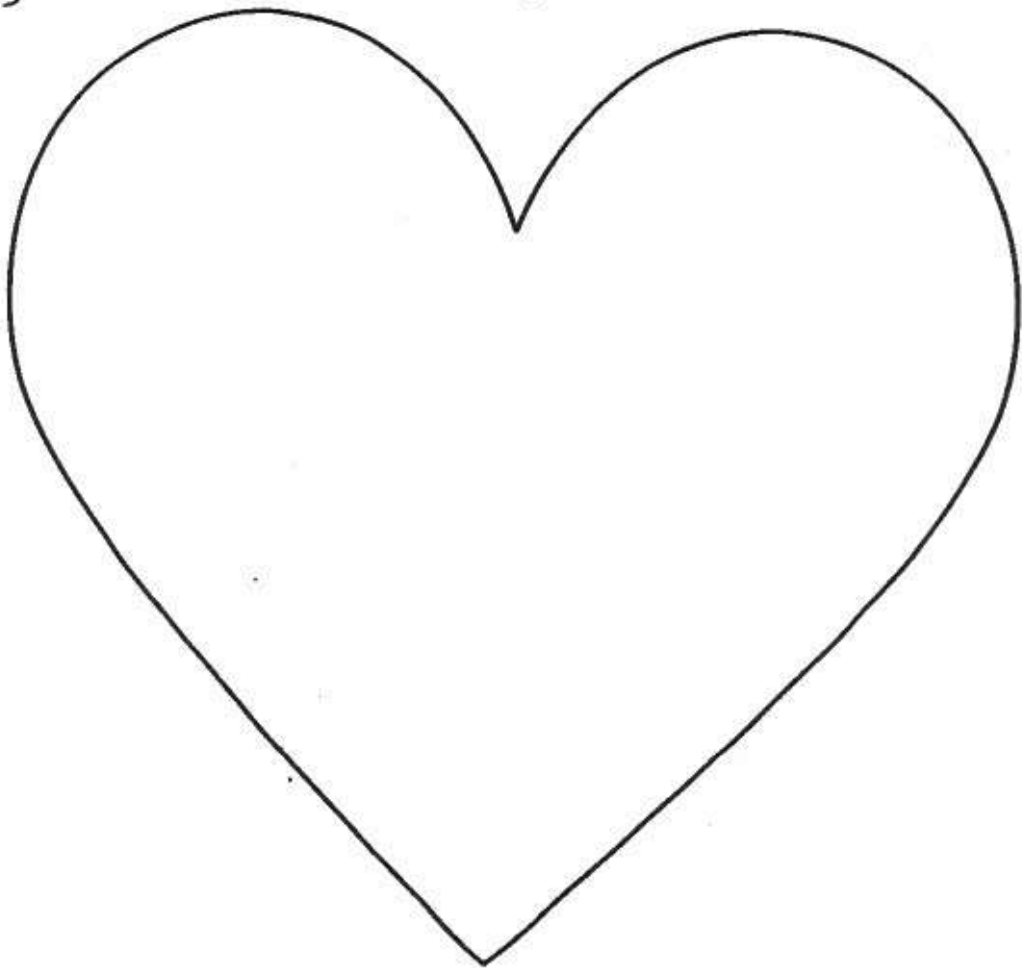
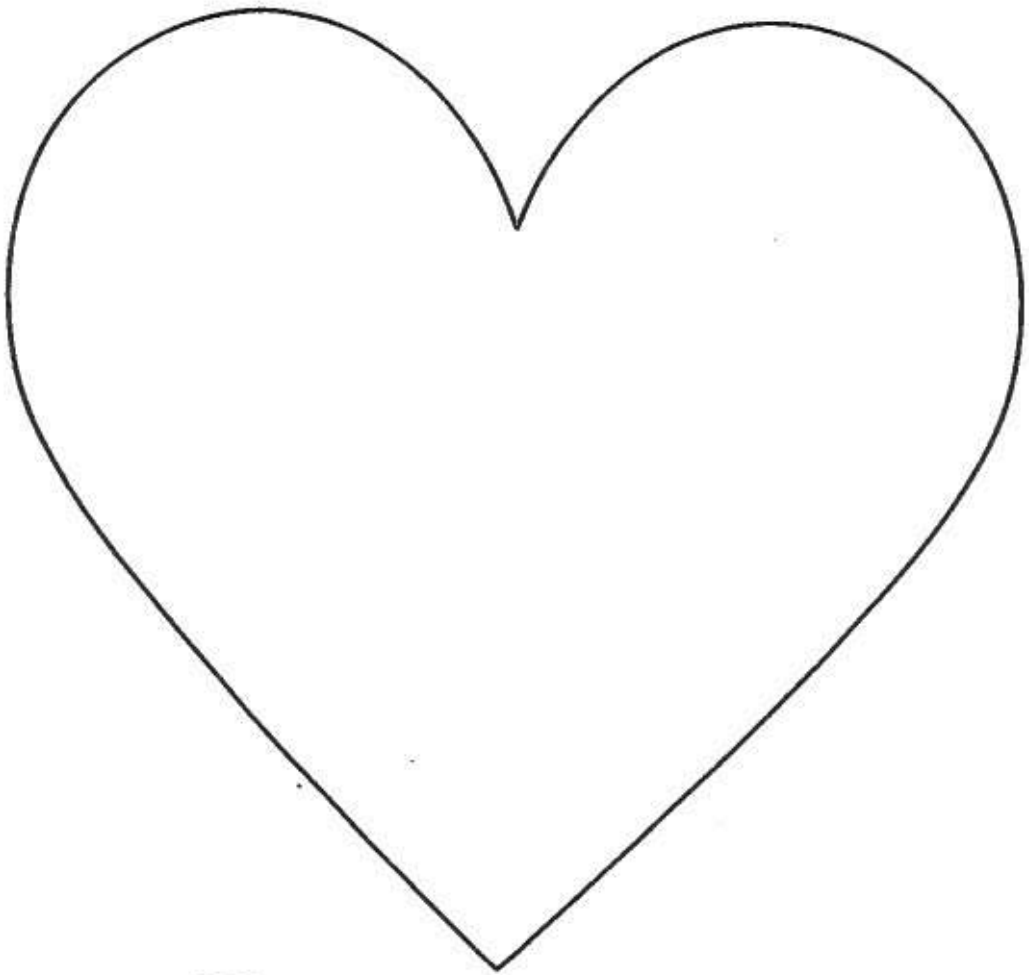
February
Mission Donation
\$1.00 per heart

All money collected will be donated to the

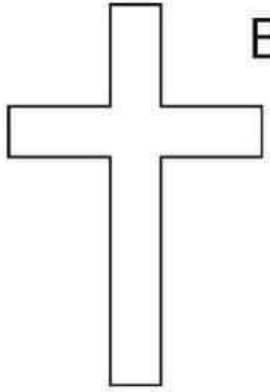


*Please write on the heart (s)
why you LOVE St. Stan's School
and include your name.
design/color and cut out (optional)
Send your heart (s) into school with your donation
to the attention of Ms. Grover.
The hearts will be displayed in the hallway.*

Thank You for your support!



ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
PRESENTS



“DRIVE UP”

ANNUAL FIRST FRIDAY OF LENT

FISH FRY

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

4PM - 7PM

\$17 PER PLATTER

(FRIED FLOUNDER, FRENCH FRIES, COLESLAW)

TICKETS AVAILABLE BY CALLING (732) 535-8670,
IN THE PARISH OFFICE OR BEFORE AND AFTER
MASS IN THE CHURCH LOBBY.

BEHIND THE ST. STAN'S SCHOOL
221 MACARTHUR AVENUE, SAYREVILLE



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Department of Education

December 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Thank you for choosing to give your child(ren) the gift of a Catholic school education, a gift that we realize is given at great sacrifice for many families. For the 2024-2025 school year, we are blessed to provide Diocesan school financial aid to support low-income families who send their children to our elementary and high schools.

To be eligible your child(ren) must be Roman Catholic, must be entering grades K-12 in September 2024, must be registered with your household in one of the parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen (please see the list of eligible parishes on the back of the Application Instructions Form), and must attend one of our 21 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Immaculata High School or St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Students attending the two private high schools in our Diocese (St. Joseph High School and Mount Saint Mary Academy) will need to seek assistance directly from those schools or from Hope through Education (<https://hopethrougheducationusa.org>).

Families that require computer access and/or help with the online application should contact the school/s where you plan to enroll your child/ren.

Application instructions, with deadlines, are attached and are also available online at diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance. Please note, **you are responsible for completing the Parish Verification Form, getting it signed by your Pastor, and returning it to the school or schools where you plan to send your children.** If you are enrolling children in more than one school, you should submit a copy of the completed, signed Parish Verification form to the additional school/s.

We are not able to consider an application without this form, signed by you and your Pastor. Please call your parish if you are uncertain about your registration status. If you have application questions, please call FACTS Grant & Aid at 866.315.9262.

Thank you for the blessing you are to our children and our church and for your commitment to Catholic school education.

Sincerely,

Barbara Stevens
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosures



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Diocese of Metuchen – School Financial Aid 2024-2025 Application Instructions

Families applying for financial aid must complete an online application at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. The application period opens January 1, 2024 and will officially close on **March 31, 2024**. Awards will be announced on or about the first week of June 2024.

Online applications are available in Spanish and English. The application fee is **\$40** and **must** be paid online at the time you submit your application. Forms of payment include debit cards, most major credit cards, or an electronic check.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for School Financial Aid:

- Student must be Roman Catholic;
- Student must be entering grades K-12 in September 2024—scholarships are not awarded to children entering Preschool, although they should be included on the FACTS online application;
- Student must be attending one of our 21 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Immaculata or St. Thomas Aquinas High School; and
- Student must be officially registered in one of the parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen, **and families must submit a Parish Verification Form to the school/s where they plan to enroll their child/ren by March 31**. A copy of the completed, signed Parish Verification form may be used by families enrolling children in more than one school (see list of eligible schools and parishes on page 2 or go to www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance to view a list or print the form).
- **All families must submit a completed, signed Parish Verification Form to each school their child/ren plan to attend or their FACTS online application will not meet the eligibility requirements for Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid and will not be processed.**

APPLICATION

Required documents include:

- Copies of your 2022 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 (as filed with the IRS) for the applicant and co-applicant, including all supporting tax schedules;
- Copies of all 2023 W2 and/or 1099 forms for both you and your spouse or co-applicant; and
- Copies of documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

Documents must be:

- Scanned or photographed with a Smartphone and uploaded directly to your application.
- **FACTS Grant & Aid does not accept documents sent by FAX or Email.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- If you are applying to a Diocese of Metuchen school, your application will automatically “opt in” to the Hope through Education Scholarship Program online application process. If you meet the eligibility requirements for both Programs you will be considered for either Diocesan Financial Aid or a Hope through Education Scholarship
- For general questions about the application, contact a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866.315.9262.



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN – SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR
REQUIRED PARISH VERIFICATION FORM

By signing below, the Pastor of a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Metuchen is confirming that the Elementary/High School applicants/s listed on this form are registered in and attend his parish, thereby meeting the parish verification requirement for Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid.

Parents – you must complete this form, sign it, obtain your Pastor’s signature, and return it to the Diocesan school/s where your child/ren will be enrolled. If your children attend more than one Diocese of Metuchen school, you may copy the completed, signed form for any additional school/s. Forms must be signed by the Pastor and Parent/Guardian and submitted to the school/s **by no later than March 31, 2024.**

All eligibility requirements and a list of eligible schools and parishes can be found on page 2 of this form and on the Diocese of Metuchen website at www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance.

ALL APPLICANT FAMILIES MUST:

- Complete an online application through FGAA (one application/family) – <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>;
- Submit a completed, signed Parish Verification Form to the school/s their child/ren will attend **by March 31** (please list all children attending a Diocese of Metuchen School, and the name or names of the schools they are attending); and
- **YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THIS FORM – ALL INFORMATION BELOW IS REQUIRED. MAKE ONE COPY OF THE COMPLETED FORM FOR EACH ADDITIONAL SCHOOL.**

Parent/Guardian:

(Print Name)

(Signature)

Student Names and Schools (Please Print)

Student Name/s: _____

School/s: _____

Pastor:

(Print Name)

(Signature)

Parish Name: _____

(Name of Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Metuchen)



Gertrude Hawk Candy Fundraiser

Easter is a hop, skip, and a jump away and so is one of our profitable (and easy) fundraisers!!!

Starts Immediately

Orders will be distributed the week of **March 18th**.

Orders must be handed in **by Feb. 19th** accompanied with your order form and full payment.

Please have the order forms completely filled out neatly and totals checked twice.

Checks are made payable to "St. Stan's HSA".

To place your order online go to
www.fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com

To place an order use our group #119468. It's really convenient and easy.

Any questions please contact Elizabeth via email
elka84@aol.com or text 848-248-8049





ACTION ALERT

Nonpublic School Nursing Services and School Transportation

ISSUE: The accounts for nonpublic school nursing services and transportation continue to be underfunded. The funding for nursing services has not kept up with the additional legislative requirements that a school nurse must perform, including the administration of certain medications and their role as first responder in a school emergency.

Nonpublic school transportation continues to be problematic for many students, with the result being that parents receive aid-in-lieu payments instead of transportation. Aid-in-lieu for parents at the current rate does not help in getting their children to and from a nonpublic school from which they may be forced to transfer.

OUR

POSITION: The New Jersey Catholic Conference and the Catholic school community support an increase in Nonpublic School Nursing Services to \$150.00 per pupil to cover the increased cost of nurses' salaries and the cost of other requirements imposed by the Legislature. They also support the raising of the per-pupil statutory ceiling for nonpublic school transportation to \$1,300 per pupil in order to have bus routes run for the majority of our students.

ACTION: Call, write or email the Office of Governor Phil Murphy and ask for the requested increases in nursing services to \$150.00 per pupil and to \$1,300 per pupil for transportation. See [Talking Points on Nonpublic School Transportation](#) and [Talking Points on Nonpublic School Nursing Services](#) enclosed with this Alert.

Mailing Address The Honorable Phil Murphy
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The State House
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Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: (609) 292-6000

Email: <https://nj.gov/governor/contact/all/>

You can also contact Governor Murphy through the NJCC Voter Voice System

<https://www.votervoice.net/NJCC/Campaigns/111235/Respond>

St. Stan's
2nd Annual
School Golf Outing
REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 7:30 AM
9:00 AM SHOTGUN START

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

www.sskgolf2024.cheddarup.com

PEBBLE CREEK GOLF CLUB

CONTACT: sskgolf@sskschool.org

732.254.5819

